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FOR: A/FBO

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR EARLY VISIT BY FBO BUILDING ENGINEER

REF: MAY 1975 INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

1. WE REQUEST AN EARLY VISIT TO WARSAW BY AN FBO BUILDINGS ENGINEER TO EVALUATE SEVERE DETERIORATION TO THE WALLS AND FOUNDATION S OF THE DCMR AND THE EMBASSY COURTYARD TERRAZZO, WHICH ALSO SERVES AS THE ROOF FOR EXTENSIVE BASEMENT SERVICE AREAS IN THE OB. WE BELIEVE EXPERT ADVICE, NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY, IS REQUIRED TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION AND PERMANENT STRUCTUAL DAMAGE.

2. REF RECOMMENDS THAT "EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE DEPARTMENT (FBO) SHOULD REQUEST MORE FREQUENT VISITS BY FBO BUILDING ENGINEERS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS ON NECESSARY BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS." THE EMBASSY HAS NOT, DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, HAD ANY SERIOUS BUILDINGS PROBLEMS WHICH REQUIRED CONSULTATION BY AN FBO ENGINEER. BUT WE ARE NOW FACED WITH TWO SUCH PROBLEMS.

3. THE DCMR (PROPERTY NO 23264) HAS DEVELOPED A SERIOUS PROBLEM OF MOISTURE SEEPING THROUGH THE FOUNDATION AND BALCONIES, CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE INTERIOR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTERIOR WALLS, APART FROM PRESENTING AN UNSIGHTLY APPEARANCE, THE FALLING PLASTER IS A HAZARD TO THE OCCUPANTS, AND THE SEEPAGE COULD CAUSE IRREPARABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING IF REMEDIAL ACTION IS NOT TAKEN SOON.

4. AT THE CHANCERY BUILDING (PROPERTY NO 15264), THE

COURTYARD TERRAZZO HAS DEVELOPED MANY LARGE CRACKS WHICH HAVE CUASED THE HEAVY TILE SLABS TO BUCKLE AND SHIFT TO THE EXTENT THAT WATER DOES NOT DRAIN PROPERLY. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE GARAGE AND STOREROOMS LOCATED BELOW THE COURTYARD SUFFER WATER DAMAGE WHENEVER IT RAINS.

5. THE NEED FOR TIMELY ACTION ON THESE PROJECTS CANNOT BE STRESSED TOO STRONGLY. WE PLAN TO MAKE ESSENTIAL TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO THE DCMR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT THAT WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM, WHICH WE BELIEVE MUST BE REMEDIED NO LATER THAN THIS SUMMER OF EARLY FALL. WE CONSIDER AN FBO VISIT ESSENTIAL TO CONFIRM OUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMEND THE BEST APPROACH TO EFFECTING IMPROVEMENTS.

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